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HOUSE BILL 26-1060

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING CLARIFYING THE CRIMINAL JURISDICTION OF**
102 **PROSECUTIONS TO INCLUDE HARMS COMMITTED AGAINST**
103 **PEOPLE LOCATED IN COLORADO REGARDLESS OF WHERE THE**
104 **DEFENDANT IS LOCATED.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill clarifies that the criminal jurisdiction of prosecutions includes conduct that causes injury, loss, damage, or deprivation of a thing of value, rights, privileges, access, or identity to a person located in

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the state.

Jurisdiction exists even if a defendant does not have actual knowledge that the victim is located in the state.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) It is necessary to clarify the application of state jurisdiction, or
5 venue, to address the complexities of modern, often remote criminal
6 offenses, thereby ensuring that individuals who inflict injury or cause
7 harm to Colorado residents are subject to prosecution in this state
8 consistent with the purpose of maintaining public safety and integrity in
9 the state's criminal justice system; and

10 (b) Clarifying state jurisdiction is particularly vital to ensuring
11 justice for the elderly population of Colorado, who constitute the most
12 frequent victims of fraud and cross-border schemes and who must be
13 protected by the full authority of Colorado law when suffering loss.

14 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-1-201, **amend** (2);
15 and **add** (4) as follows:

16 **18-1-201. State jurisdiction - definition.**

17 (2) An offense is committed partly within this state if conduct
18 occurs in this state ~~which~~ THAT is an element of an offense or if the result
19 of conduct in this state is such an element. ~~In homicide, the "result" is~~
20 either ~~the physical contact which causes death or the death itself, and if~~
21 ~~the body of a criminal homicide victim is found within the state, the death~~
22 ~~is presumed to have occurred within the state.~~

23 (4) (a) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT
24 OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "RESULT" MEANS:

1 (I) THE EFFECT OF CONDUCT THAT CAUSES INJURY, LOSS, OR
2 DAMAGE, INCLUDING INJURY, LOSS, OR DAMAGE TO, OR DEPRIVATION OF,
3 ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

4 (A) A THING OF VALUE;

5 (B) RIGHTS OR PRIVILEGES PROTECTED BY THE FEDERAL AND
6 STATE CONSTITUTIONS AND LAWS;

7 (C) ACCESS TO INFORMATION, INCLUDING ELECTRONIC
8 INFORMATION; OR

9 (D) THE VICTIM'S IDENTITY; AND

10 (II) IN HOMICIDE, EITHER THE PHYSICAL CONTACT THAT CAUSES
11 DEATH OR THE DEATH ITSELF; AND IF THE BODY OF A CRIMINAL HOMICIDE
12 VICTIM IS FOUND IN THE STATE, THE DEATH IS PRESUMED TO HAVE
13 OCCURRED IN THE STATE.

14 (b) A PERSON DOES NOT NEED ACTUAL KNOWLEDGE THAT THE
15 VICTIM IS LOCATED IN THE STATE TO BE PROSECUTED FOR A CRIMINAL
16 OFFENSE IN THE STATE.

17 **SECTION 3. Effective date - applicability.** This act takes effect
18 July 1, 2026, and applies to offenses committed on or after said date.

19 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
20 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
21 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
22 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
23 institutions.